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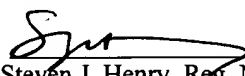
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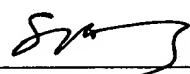
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form 1449 with cited references
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee. If the amount of the check insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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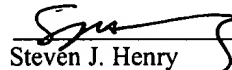
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 and is being filed on or before payment of an Issue Fee.

The Applicant hereby states, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any

communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The IDS processing fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The relevance of Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 03-65345, as alleged by an opposer against a corresponding foreign application, is set forth in the enclosed copy of that party's Notice of Opposition. Applicant reserves the right to further comment on this reference at a later date. Applicant does not adopt any position or statement of the Opposer and reserves the right to express specifics of disagreement at a later date if to do so is warranted.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

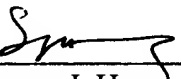
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

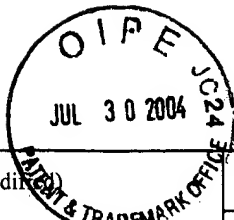
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OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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